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1. DURING MY MARCH 8 MEETING WITH PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGEL JORGENSEN, HE RAISED AT HIS OWN INITIATIVE RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT NORDIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COPENHAGEN LAST WEEK. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE DANISH FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PROBLEM WITH THAT STATEMENT AND THEY HAVE NOTIFIED BRITISH THAT STATEMENT ISSUED BY NORDIC COUNCIL PRESIDUM IS NOT REPEAT NOT THAT OF DANISH GOVERNMENT.

2. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT IN THE COURSE OF NORDIC COUNCIL MEETING, DANES HELD CONVERSATIONS WITH ICELANDIC PRIME MINISTER AND ICELANDIC MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES. WHILE THE DANES KNOW THAT
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NORWEGIANS ARE TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO HELP ICELANDERS AND

BRITISH REACH COMPROMISE, DANES ALSO ARE EXPLORING WAYS TO ASSIST. DANES CAME AWAY FROM THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH ICELANDERS WITH IMPRESSION THAT SITUATION IN ICELAND IS NOT "AS ACUTE AS BEFORE". JORGENSEN SAID THAT DANES DO NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE MADE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH PARTIES. BUT WHEN PRESSED BY ME, SAID HE DID NOT KNOW, OR AT LEAST DID NOT OFFER TO GIVE ANY DETAILS, ON THE KIND OF SOLUTION WHICH MIGHT BE FEASIBLE. HE SAID THAT DANES HAVE INDICATED TO THE ICELANDERS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PASS MESSAGE TO BRITISH, AND HE THOUGHT THAT A "SHORT TERM SOLUTION" WORKED OUT SECRETLY MIGHT TEMPORARILY DEFUSE SITUATION. CERTAINLY THE DANES ARE NOT AS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING A SOLUTION AS THEY WERE TWO WEEKS AGO, JORGENSEN SAID.

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